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TAGS: ETRD, TW

SUBJECT: SECTION 301 PETITION FILED BY CHARLES REHFELDT, LAI FU  
TRADING CO., LTD.

REF: STATE 065954

1. ECON COUN DISCUSSED REHFELDT PETITION WITH MINISTER  
OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS Y.S. SUN MARCH 30. MINISTER WAS  
GIVEN COPY OF CONGRESSMAN VANIK'S STATEMENT.

2. MINISTER WAS INFORMED THAT PETITION PROBABLY WILL BE  
RAISED BY STR DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON, APRIL 21-23.  
IT WOULD BE SALUTARY, THEREFORE, IF GROU COULD TAKE ACTION  
TO REDUCE DUTIES ON COLOR TV AND FREEZERS BEFORE HIS VISIT.

3. MINISTER AGREED BUT STATED HE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT  
DUTIES WILL BE REDUCED IN APRIL. LEGISLATIVE YUAN (LY) IS  
AT PRESENT REVIEWING A NUMBER OF CHANGES IN DUTY SCHEDULES  
WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO IT FOR APPROVAL BY EXECUTIVE  
YUAN. HE HAS URGED PRESIDENT OF LY TO TAKE PROMPT ACTION  
BUT ALL HE CAN SAY FOR SURE IS THAT ACTION WILL BE COMPLETED  
DURING THIS SESSION OF THE LY. THE SESSION IS SCHEDULED  
TO END ON MAY 31, BUT USUALLY RUNS INTO JUNE.

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4. MINISTER EMPHASIZED THAT GROU IS COMMITTED TO REDUCING  
DUTIES ON COLOR TV AND FREEZERS BUT THERE IS NO WAY  
HE CAN SPEED UP THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS SO THAT COMMIT-  
MENT CAN BE HONORED.

5. IN A SEPARATE BUT RELATED DEVELOPMENT, REHFELDT  
PETITION CAME UP IN A CONVERSATION AMBASSADOR UNGER HAD

WITH MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO CHOU SHU-KAI (S.K. CHOW)  
ON MARCH 25. IN RESPONSE TO A COMMENT BY CHOU THAT U.S.  
FIRMS NEED TO BE MORE AGGRESSIVE IN SEEKING MARKETS IN  
THE ROC, AMBASSADOR MENTIONED HIGH DUTIES IMPOSED BY  
GROC AS AN OBSTACLE TO INCREASED SALES OF U.S. GOODS.  
PROBLEMS FACED BY REHFELDT WERE USED AS EXAMPLBE. CHOU  
EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE CASE AND HE SUBSEQUENTLY WAS  
GIVEN A COPY OF VANIK STATEMENT.  
UNGER

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